

# GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS

## *The Greatest Commandments*

And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, "Which is the first commandment of all?"

And Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God is one Lord:

"And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

"And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

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Br. Leonard and his wife with Br. Denny Moore.

Once Br. Leonard worked with a man who was seeking the Lord... but the man would tell him, Oh what a good meeting we had... how the Lord blessed him... how good he was doing praying. So one time Br. Leonard told him, "You're still lost." It made the man upset, but later he got to considering it. I am lost but I can do something about it. He got down to business with the Lord and rec'd the Holy Ghost.

Br. Leonard Cooper was saying that we just need to be led by the Lord. Once while driving down south the Lord told him to pick up a hitch-hiker at a certain place. Though he didn't usually pick them up, he said, alright when I get there I'll pick him up. There were cars ahead of him but the hiker didn't even thumb them but he did thumb Br. Leonard. He picked him up and went with him a piece. He was a black man and the Lord gave Br. Leonard something to tell him and the hiker took his hat off. He told Br. Leonard, "You sure are lifting me up." Then he said, "You know why I didn't thumb the others. The Lord told me to thumb you." Br. Leonard then told him how the Lord also told him to pick him up.

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Br. Julius Smith was at church and the saints were shouting when a Church of Christ man came and set beside him. He ask Br. Jude if he would go with him to the house to talk on the bible. Br. Jude didn't know what they would think about him leaving church but he agreed. They went to his house, just him and this man. Br. Jude reached for the bible and opend it to Romans where it says *if the Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwell in you... it shall quicken you mortal body.* The man said that's just what I wanted to ask you. Br. Jude then went back to church.

"I heard once of a little fellow whose mother told him that if he went to play in a bank from which men had been drawing sand for a building, a bear would come out and eat him up. One day another boy tried to coax him to go there and play, but he said no, he was afraid of the bears. The other boy said there were no bears. "But there be bears 'cause my mother said there be bears." While they were disputing, the minister happened to come along, and they asked him if there were bears in the sand bank. He told them there were none. "But," said the first little boy, "my mother said there be bears there."

I am sorry she said so," said the minister, "but the truth is, there are none."

The child began to cry, and started for home as fast as he could go. "O Mamma! he said, Did you tell me a wrong story? Did you tell me there be bears down at the sand-bank when there ain't any?" She saw what a dreadful sin she had committed, and she told him that she was sorry; but she was afraid that if he played there he would get buried in the sand, and she told him that to keep him away. "But Mamma it is such an awful thing to tell a wrong story."

"I know it Tommy, I know it." she said, tears coming into her eyes; "and we will ask Jesus to forgive me and I will never do it again." They knelt down, and she was just about to pray when he said, "Wait Mamma, let me ask Him; maybe you won't tell Him truly" That pierced her heart like a dagger. She saw that her little boy had lost confidence in her truthfulness even when she prayed.

What about it saints? Remember when a mans word was his bond? Remember when if a child of God told you the Tennessee river was running backward, you didn't have to go see for your self.

To much joking, horseplaying and being funny with our words and as some are talking, guile and downright hypocrisy. The Word said Let Your yea be yea, and your nay, nay.....

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We have obtained the true riches only when we have obtained true poverty.  
 We have obtained true honor only when we have come to be dispised.  
 We rise to a great height only by being beaten down.  
 We find true comfort in affliction.  
 When you are called a fool for Christ's sake then you have found the true knowledge.  
 You have found true joy and happiness only when you are crucified with Christ.

# # #

You have taken a long step toward holy living when you have learned to do much and say little. Holiness is seen in what you do and not in what you say.

## The Sin Question! ! !

Jesus came to earth as a man, lived among men, and proved that man could live a sin free and quileless life.

It was true that He was God in the flesh, yet He was man who lived in the flesh, who had natural desires and tastes and was tempted in all points as other men, yet without sin.

The bible says that we ought to walk as He walked. He had no sin. Peter says that Jesus gave us an example to follow. He did no sin.

He died on the cross that we might be a new creature; saved; born again and a new creation. And then he walks the path of life that Jesus walked and he is then called a Christian.

Now it is impossible to sin before the heart gives the O.K. There is no imputed sin without the consent of the heart. When he decides to disobey, agreeing in his heart to knowingly to disobey, it is imputed as sin to him.

When He is imputed to sin, he dies the christian, born again, saved life. Their fellowship with the Father is gone. They are again dead, plucked up by the roots; cut off from the spirit of the Lord. You can not be dead and alive the same time.

Being tempted is not sin. It is when you give into this temptation and doing wrong that brings about death

Mistakes are not sin. Human failure is not sin. If we know what the law of God says and we do the opposite or contrary to it, then this is sin. He that does such, can not, is not, does not have eternal life within him.

Teachers expect their class to obey them. Parents see to it that their children obey them. All forms of governments have laws and they expect the citizins to obey them. If and when they don't they are haled to court and have to pay for their disobedience. All man-kind feel that man is responsible for his own actions. Now, if a man could not help what he did, how could you justify him being arrested and placing such a one in prison.

But we are responsible for what we do. God has raised us higher then the animals, and gave us a mind to consider, to choose, to make the choices that his heart dictates. God will also hold us accountable to our action. For this reason He has said, "Choose you this day whom you will serve." We either serve Satan, and we serve him by and with sin or disobeying the Lord's command, or we serve The Master by doing the simple things He told us to do. Sin or obedience. Heaven or hell. God or Satan.

Man can not resist the tempter by himself, that is the wherefore that Jesus came lived, suffers, then died and then gave the promise to those who repent that He would send man the Comforter, known to us as the Holy Ghost, or The Spirit of Christ or the Spirit of God.,(He

also said there is but One Spirit.) to assist man in the warfare against the wicked one. He didn't just send the Spirit by itself, He even went as far as: "I and the Father will dwell in you." While He was here, he lived the sin free life that pleased the Father and now that we have committed our life to Him all of the Godhead are within us to help us live that same sin free life.

It is like a man enlisting in the army. He rec'd a uniform, he is a soldier, he has a set of rules to follow. He has come under the authority of the army he is in. He doesn't know everything, but he is willing to learn. If he gets out of step, it isn't because he wanted to, or tries to, it because he hasn't been trained for this kind of duty. But each day he grows in the knowledge of what is expected of him and he continually becomes a better soldier.

But if after awhile he decides the duties are too hard, wants his own way and walks off and does his own thing, he will be brought before his supervisors and given a dishonorable discharge. Now he's no more a soldier.

So with Christ. When we became one of His we came under a set of rules. Those you do not know, you are willing to learn. You make some mistakes, but you do no wrong because you do not want to do no wrong. By the way of "Pressing," we become good "Soldiers" of Jesus.

But, if after awhile you decide the Way is too hard. That you begin to want worldly things and etc, like the soldier, you will be discharged from the Lord's family. Not just all of a sudden, but the Spirit will so patiently try to woo you to stay in the center of the Lord's will. Sending the Word of God, causing other "good" soldiers to exhort and comfort you and tell of your Lord's mercy, only "Go not to far." But if the heart is harden and will not be swayed, you are cut off and that without remedy.

Those who disbey God cannot be part of His family. They say it is human to err, but to knowingly disobey is open rebellion (sin) against God and is not tolerated. Mistakes are not sin. But rebellion is.

I hope and pray that we are as Paul said *We are not of them that draw bak unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.* Amen!

NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!

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## Choose you...?

They were 1,500 miles from home. Who would know? Who would care? But they knew God was watching, and as young men they dedicated and committed themselves totally to God. These young men are named in the Bible: Meshach, Shadrach and Abednego. The king of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar, had conquered Jerusalem and had taken these Jewish men captive. But these men knew assertive discipline. They refused to eat of the king's meat and drink of the king's wine, because the king's food had been offered to idols. The young men knew it was against the law of God.

Nebuchadnezzar had become powerful and egotistical. He decided to build a statue to himself, a big image — 90 feet high, made of gold. Then he called his subjects from many of the countries of the Middle East to come to the plain of Dura. There he said, "When you hear the trumpet sound, and hear the music play, and see the flags coming, and see the marching of the soldiers, I want all of you to bow down and worship the image. If you don't, I am going to throw you into flames of fire. You will be burned up."

What a colorful scene that must have been. They had the flag ceremony, the parades and the bands. And on top of the reviewing stand suddenly all the trumpets sounded, and the herald made the announcement: "To you it is commanded that all people, nations and languages bow down and worship the image."

False religion does not hesitate to use force. The Bible teaches that Satan is "the god of this world." He is "the prince of the power of the air." He is "the prince of this world."

Nebuchadnezzar commanded the people to worship the image. And in Matthew 4 we read that Christ also was asked to bow down and worship the devil. Jesus didn't argue. He didn't debate. He said, "It is written." He used the Word of God. That is the reason it is important for us to memorize passages in the Bible. Jesus used Scripture as a weapon. He said, "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." God had said in the first commandment, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." In Matthew 6 we read that Jesus said, "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and materialism." We have to choose. That is a choice that each one of us has to make — a choice of either bowing down to the things of this world, that are evil and wrong, or bowing down before the true and the living God.

Satan calls upon people to bow down to pride, lust, and many other things.

Money is something else that Satan wants us to bow down to. You see, greed goes all the way through the Bible, and it goes all the way through out society. Greed is an idol.

Success is another. The image overlaid with gold, flashing in the sun, is the image

erected to success and human glory: "The great golden image which I built," said Nebuchadnezzar. He didn't give God any credit at all. He said, "I built it." And some of us say that too: "Look what I've done." "I have built this business." "I am a self-made man." "I built this ranch." "I did this." "I did that."

Nebuchadnezzar could destroy the body, but not the soul. Jesus warned, "Fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

We have a body, but living inside us is our soul, our spirit. That is the part of us that will live forever. Jesus said, "Fear the one who can destroy both body and soul." That is the devil. Hell was created not for us but for the devil and his angels. If we persist in bowing to the images of this world, and rejecting the true and living God in our life, then we will follow the devil to hell.

To disobey God's commands is called spiritual and eternal death. These three Hebrew men did not bow down. They stood up. And, of course, their action was reported immediately to the emperor.

The young men had a few alternatives before them. First, they could have bowed down and avoided trouble. But that would have compromised all that they believed in. They could have rationalized and said, "It is our duty to obey the king. That is our first duty." But they had a higher law. They had God.

Second, these three men could have said, "It is just a matter of form. After all, religion is a matter of the heart. God knows that inwardly we are true to him, even though outwardly we bow down to the image."

Or they could have stayed indoors that day. That would have been cowardly. They had an opportunity to witness to thousands instead, and they took the opportunity to do it.

They refused to bow down. "Choose you this day whom [you] will serve,"<sup>13</sup> says the Scripture. Whom will you serve? The true and the living God? Or will you serve those things that the devil brings across your path, the images that he places before you?

They could not put off their decision. They had to make a decision then, when the herald announced it. And we have to make a decision. We can't put it off. "He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy." God says, "My spirit shall not always strive with man." There comes a point beyond which we can go, in which it is difficult to return.

We need to say either "yes" or "no." But some of us say, "Maybe." Some of us try to straddle the fence and live in both worlds, but God doesn't allow that. Jesus will not compromise with us. The Gospel plan is all set. God says that we have to accept his Son into our hearts

and let him rule our lives, if we are to enter his kingdom.

Those three men refused to bow down and give in to the devil. When your trial comes, and it will if you are following

Christ, you will be tried and tempted and shaken. When these trials come, act in the light of eternity. Do not judge the situation by the king's threat, or by the heat of the burning fiery furnace, but by the everlasting God and the eternal life which awaits you.

These brave young men dared the rage of the infuriated tyrant. And because they saw him who is invisible and had respect unto the recompense of their reward, they believed.

But the king gave them another opportunity. They answered, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up." They didn't know that God would ever deliver them, but they said, "No! We take our stand for the living God, even if it means death."

When we make such a choice, we may lose for a time — but we gain for eternity. The loss is transient and temporary, but the gain is everlasting and eternal. They were ready with an answer. They confessed their faith, they showed their confidence in God. They were ready to die. If we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ we will not perish, but have everlasting life. That is the promise.

Then came their punishment. They were thrown into the fiery furnace. They went to the furnace without assurance of physical deliverance. It was their implicit confidence that God would do what was best for them, and for his Kingdom. Had God revealed to them that they should not be touched by the flames, their faith would have rested on his word in deliverance. But now it rested on his character of wisdom and truth and love. They went, not knowing whether or not they would be delivered.

God says, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give [you] a crown of life." It was only after their decision that God intervened and delivered.

The king, standing back so that he wouldn't be burned, looked into the furnace. He was astonished at what he saw and said, "Lo, I see four men . . . and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God." Three men had been thrown into the fire, but the king saw four men.

God is with his people in the fiery furnace. He is with his people in times of temptation and trouble and trial. "Nothing shall separate us from the love of God," say the Scriptures.

The way the three men went into the fiery furnace — calm, self-possessed, joyful — God was with them. And when the king ordered them taken out, they came out with their heads high. Not a hair on their heads was singed. Their clothes didn't even have the smell of smoke on them. The king bowed down before them and said, "Your God is the true and the living God." And he destroyed the golden

image that he had built, because three young men dared to look death in the face and say, "I believe."

That is what Jesus Christ did. The night before he went to the cross, he knelt down with his disciples and prayed all night. And he sweat drops of blood. The next day he went to that cross for us, so that we could have everlasting life.

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Sis. Bobbie Holoway (LAKEWOOD PARK): "When Angie was born and I come home from the hospital, Reba had pneumonia, and it looked like she'd die. Glory to God! Sis. Minnie (McLain had told me, "When you're worrying you are not a trusting the Lord."

I worried about Reba about three days. One day I remembered what Sis. Minnie had said. I said, "Lord, I aim to trust you if she dies." Glory to God! You know, that fever broke and she never had no more of it."

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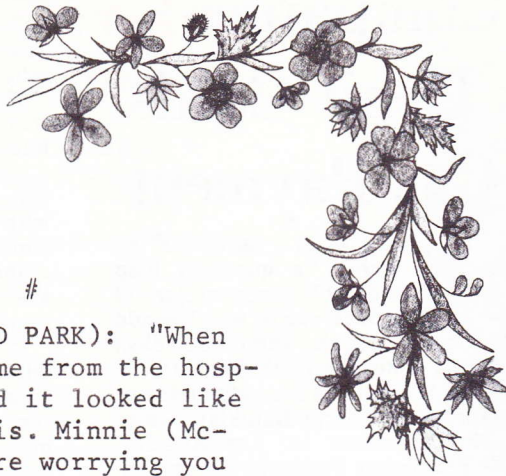
BR. DOUG NANCE: "I came down here and got amongst the Holiness people. I seen how they lived. I tell you what. I thought they were supernatural people. When one of them came in my presence it meant so much to me. Just to get one of them to talk to you, it meant a whole lot.

I had a car that wouldn't start. You can say what you want, I don't care. I was there! a brother, dead now, was over there... We'd try to crank that car and it would just go-er-er-errrr-er. He came over and leaned on the car and I took notice of that.

When he left, I told the boy, that man, he has got the Holy Ghost, and he leaned on my car. You reckon it'll stat. I got in that wouldn't start and it started right up...."

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They say it was beautiful to see the way the Lord blessed Br. Ernie Holman at SCOTTSBORO. He was happy. He was sad. He was up a talking. He was down in the floor. Thru it all he was upholden by the Spirit of our Lord. He was telling how people are looking for the gospel to be sp read over the world but that at the turn of the century the Word of God went into the four corners of the earth. He was telling how the early church was baptised with the Holy Ghost and fire. He explained tht the fire was the power of God. He emntioned how people were confused about "Cloven tongues" and that it was just the witness of the Holy Ghost. The disciples were setting their talking in their native tongue. When they spoke in another tongue, it was called cloven. All in the world it means, he stated, was seperation. He said it was simple to see that it was the Holy Ghost.



Sis. Lila Guffey

SIS. LILA GUFFEY: "My mother got it (the Holy Ghost) in what they call "The begining." I was just a year old. When the first flu came in I was about six or seven years old. I remember very well. Me and Paul D., my brother, had it. There wasn't many children of God then, and they lived far apart. Nearly everybody had the flu then, and a lot of them died. Mama and Pa, I don't guess it ever entered their mind to have a doctor. They trusted God. Mama said she sat by our bed several days watching, wondering praying, which one was going to die first.

One day, Br. Gene McAllister, Br. Mitt's daddy, lived on Cumberland Mtn and he sent over on Gunters Mtn for Br. Will (Guffey) and three or four others who got on their mules and started out. It was cold weather. Poppa happened to be out in the yard and seen them men coming a good long ways off. He stopped them. They told him where they were going. He said "I want you to come in and pray for my kids." They come in and prayed for us. We'd been in bed three weeks and I didn't think I could get up. After they left, Mama told us we could get up. The next morning we got up.....

I still believe He will heal!"

# # #

This was noticed on a sign somewhere; funny in someways, but often, how true!

The light at  
the end  
of the tunnel  
is the  
head lamp of  
an  
oncoming  
Train!

# Oil Companies Test Debit Cards For Gas Payment

This article was clipped out and sent to us by Br. John Pendergrass and he sent these comments:

"I thought the clippings very interesting.

If we're not careful and spiritual all the time the Mark may catch us unaware. They are going to make it look good.

Some people think the Mark will be so big that other people can see it. I don't think so. Look at clippings of Super Scope....."

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In a move that an industry observer terms "a quantum leap toward a cashless society," three major oil companies are testing debit cards, which would pay for gasoline through automatic cash withdrawals from motorists' bank accounts.

"It offers all of the benefits of credit and none of the problems," said George Babikian, senior marketing vice president for Los Angeles-based ARCO Petroleum Products Co., which, along with Exxon Corp. and Shell Inc., is to test the cards.

With debit cards, gasoline is purchased much the same way as withdrawals are made from automated bank tellers: a customer puts his card into a machine attached to the gas pump, then punches in his secret code and the amount of gas he wants. The bank's computer checks whether the customer has sufficient money to cover the purchase before he can pump the gas.

ARCO, the eighth largest gasoline marketer in the country, begins its test of the program in

September at about 50 stations in San Jose and San Diego. The program will operate in conjunction with the Bank of America, but later other banks' cards could be used.

The ARCO experiment, to be announced later this month, was outlined by Babikian in a telephone interview with the Associated Press.

Two weeks ago, Exxon launched a similar test at 10 stations in Houston in conjunction with First City National Bank of Houston. A similar program is under way by Shell.

Shell and Exxon — both based in Houston — are the second and third largest gasoline marketers in the nation, respectively.

In June, Texas' largest automated bank teller network, the Houston-based PULSE, announced that it was organizing a similar system that would automatically transfer money from shoppers' checking accounts to the accounts of participating merchants throughout the state at the moment a purchase is made.

"The oil industry is painfully aware that the cost of credit processing and handling of debts was getting to such proportions that the system was laden with uneconomic burdens," oil industry analyst Dan Lundberg said in Los Angeles.

"The next inevitable step is debiting because dealers are paid immediately and all of the enormous credit costs are avoided," Lundberg added.

BR. PAUL STONE: "I aint got hatred in my heart toward nobody. I can't have that and have the Holy Ghost. They say, "I don't hate you, but I can't hardly stand you!" I'd be ashamed to tell people I had the Holy Ghost if I could not stand you.

"Why, you aint got the Holy Ghost no ways." Who art thou who judgest another man's servant? To his own master he standeth or falleth. Your time might come next. Now you might be doing pretty good, but wait 'til your time comes and they tell you, "You aint got it."

It's Holiness or hell!

Love. You tell me you're holding unto faith. If you are, you've got to have some love. Love is the backbone of faith. Love worketh no ill to his neighbor. Love is the fulfilling of the law. Faith means more then staying away from an aspirin tablet. Faith means more than staying out of the doctor's office. Faith means more than staying out of the hospital. I'd rather visit you in the hospital, than visit you in your home and you're running down every child of God in the country.

I know God can heal and He has done it. bible is true, and it says, God hates the man who sows discord among the brethern.

There are 17 works of the flesh. You can't have wrath in your heart against anybody muchless a child of God. "I aint gonna have nothing to do with him! He done something I do not like. He made a bad mistake!" You're making worst one when you go around talking about him.

You can't go to heaven having ill will, hatred, envying in your heat and strife against nobody." .....

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B. Bill Parker was at IDER telling how the world use to throw rocks and rotten eggs at one another. Br. Alvin Bailey spoke up, "Now they are throwing rocks at one another themselves!"

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## His Ambassadors

Innuendoes and insults were heaped upon one of our ambassadors by an ambassador of an enemy country. Our ambassador stood unruffled, unperturbed, unmangered! At the close of the tirade, he said, "Sir, it makes little difference to me what you think of me. All that matters to me is what the world thinks about the nation I represent!"

When we are privileged to suffer shame for Christ's sake, let this be our only concern, that our reactions be such as to cause others to think highly of Him, whose ambassadors we are!

"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God" (II Cor. 5:20).

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We don't "Go to church." We are the church. We rather, "Go to meeting," where the church gathers.

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*Charity... the love of God working in a man, suffereth long...forbearing; patiently enduring, and is kind... to show oneself useful, envieth ... covet; to have feelings against; jealous...not; vauneth ...braggart; to boast,.. not itself, is not puffed up; a sense of blowing; to inflate; make proud, doth not behave itself unseemly... indecently; shamfully, seeketh not her own... trying to assist somebody else, is not easily provoked... stir up; agitate, thinketh no evil...*

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Br. Paul Warren laid it before the church at SMYRNA about have prayer meeting on Monday evening. They all agreed and now they meet out every Monday evening and just, pray, pray, pray.

# # #

**PAUL**

Paul hated the followers of Jesus and had many arrested. One day God spoke to him in a blinding flash of light and he was converted.

Paul became a missionary, telling people about Jesus in many parts of Asia and

Europe, including Athens, and founding many churches.



Several times he was attacked by hostile crowds and imprisoned. Eventually he was arrested and sent for trial before the Roman governor.

Some of the letters which Paul wrote to the groups of Christians he had visited are in the New Testament. Several were written from prison. It is believed that Paul was put to death by the Roman Emperor Nero.



Mr.O.S and Sis. Lucille Smith have been married 50 years. They have six children 16 grand-children and 2 great grand children. They live in the ELKWOOD community.

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A time of rejoicing for those who love the truth was on the 1st Sunday in October at GRIFFEN. Br. Buford Trotman was preaching from the second chapter of Titus.. He was telling the elders how to act and set the example for the younger. If the church was failing, it was not in the young but in the elders. How they should set the pattern of soberness and gravity, temperance, being sound in the faith, in charity and patience. The elder women to set the example and teach the younger women to love the husbands, to love their children. To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home... To stay at home and keep it clean for the husband when he comes in from work. To not go out and get a job when she has children at home to raise. That if she just had to work to help pay the bills, it would be better first not to buy things that you didn't have to have and get so in debt.

He continues to the young men in shewing themselves a pattern of good works, sound speech... not joking, or as the bible says, Jesting... that wasn't sound speech.

He taught how we ought to treat our bosses in the flesh, how to please them...

It was good sound doctrine that the church needed and accepted with gladness.

# # #

The Spirit was good at SMYRNA as Br.Paul Warren Talked about the sisters just getting to far into this jewelry business. As he talked about the rings and necklaces, you could see the good humble spirit as some of the sisters started taking them off right there in church.

Late one night at home, after getting so sinsick, I didn't want to live any longer, a man on T.V. was asking people to repeat this prayer for forgiveness and to ask Jesus into your heart. I did that out loud, but inside I told the Lord I wasn't going to take another step without Him. I thought he'd branded my heart as one of His own. Being raised in the Baptist faith, I thought this is being saved. I wanted to go to heaven that night.

After I went to bed, there were so many noises in my head I couldn't go to sleep. Then I heard a voice call my name. A noise like thousand of bats flying out of a cave filled my mind. When the last one was gone there was peace I never knew. I fell asleep.

Starting the next day I heard myself talking, not cursing, having no desire to go out drinking, smoking pot, etc., anymore. I had a desire to read the bible and go to church. I started going to a little baptist church.



Sis. Theresa Blaylock and daughter, Barbie

I thought about there being so many different churches, and I knew all of them couldn't be right, so I asked the Lord to show me the right way and please let me not be deceived.

One day stomping around the house saying, "I just can't do anything right!" over and over again, The Lord spoke to me to stay in the altar until I got right. I didn't know people went to the altar 'til they got right.

At the end of about two month of soul searching and repenting, someone asked me if I believed in seeking for the Holy Ghost? I didn't know. All I ever heard was being baptised in the name of The Father and The Son and of the Holy Ghost.

The next morning driving, I saw Addie. We'd lost touch for several years and was real glad to see each other. I told her I was saved and going to church. She asked me if I'd spoke in tongues yet? I didn't know what she was talking about and said so. Later she asked me if all the angels could rejoice over what I had so far? The Lord had brought me a long way in two months but I was still searching for something.

We (Addie and I) went to TIFTONIA. I loved it! After I saw those holiness people in meeting, I knew they had something I didn't have. I said to Addie, "You mean I had to come this far to be lost!"

I went to the altar 3 or 4 times that week. One night a couple of sisters told me something to do. I wasn't humble enough. Later, at home, I realized the Lord wanted me to know I had to be totally obedient to Him, and He was using His children to help me. I'd have to be obedient to them first. I determined next time I'd do whatever they told me.

I had some questions in my mind one night at church. Every time I thought of one, a child of God would stand up and answer my question. God knew what I was thinking.

I saw Br. Andy Jernigan rec' the Holy Ghost. Br. Billy Parker told how before Br. Andy rec'd the Holy Ghost, he got in his closet and prayed that Lord, if you don't want someone without the Holy Ghost following you around, that wasn't gonna sin anymore, God would have to give him the Holy Ghost.

That week I fasted and prayed. Even got in my closet one day and felt the Lord the same as I felt Him in church.

I made up my mind that if it was right, God would give it to me. On Thursaynight Br. Billy talked to me in the altar about the blind man and how he cried out to the Lord as He passed by. That's what I started doing. Heaven opened up. I was seeking for God with all my heart, mind, soul and strength. It seemed for a minute I was alone, but I knew people were praying for me. I saw a tiny speck of light in a thick blackness. I could hear myself speaking in tongues, but I wasn't doing that, God was! Oh, what a joy! It was so good to be born again, freed from sin. All things new. This was the right Way. God had satisfied my longing soul completely.

When I stood up, the sisters started hugging me and shouting. I loved everybody so much and they all looked so beautiful.

I believe according to The Word of God all the angels in heaven rejoiced that night.

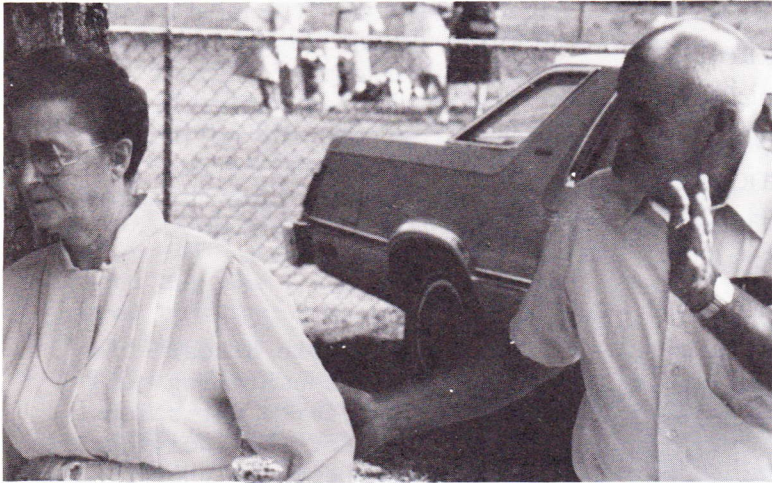


A month later, Sis. Addie rec'd the Holy Ghost, just me and her on the front porch.

I thank God for giving me the Holy Ghost and writing my name in the Lamb's Book of Life, and putting me in this good Holiness Way.

Sis. Theresa Blaylock

# # #



Br. Ben and Sis. Edith House

Br. Ben and Sis. Edith House of Chattanooga celebrated their fiftieth wedding ann. on the 1st Sunday in February. Br. Ben rec'd the Holy Ghost many years ago in a storm cellar in Alabama. Sis. Edith also has had the Holy Ghost for many years. She is the daughter of the late Br. Will Guffey. Her dad was the one who prached The Word to Br. Ben.

# # #

Br. ELTON BRAZIER "Going eyeing somebody that aint your mate; that'll lead into the 17 works of the flesh. You can go a prospering a little, and I'm having it rough over here: I go to eyeing you, "Wonder why he is having it so easy. It just don't seem fair. Every thing I'm doing is working against me. Over there everything he touches turning to gold. I don't like it!" I've got ill at you because God is smiling at you. Ho bless God! The spirit of envy is getting pretty close. That is gonna lead into the works of the flesh.

I can get off down at the job and one of them boys go to working against me. Do things undercover, but I could see it just as plain. You know, hurt me. And there comes that feeling. "Do a little worse to them." I know it wouldn't do. Lead me off into the 17 works of the flesh.. The spirit of wrath would go to working if I let it.... I've got to stay free from it.

These are the necessary things...

Sis. Lela Shockley who came to the Lord at PLEVNA over 40 years ago went home to Jesus back in November 4, 1985. She heard holiness when it was first preached at SHAK-RAG in 1921.

# # #

Br. Dennis Wilbanks of SAND MTN was talking about children "Play Meetings." Talked like he didn't know about that... He used to think it was alright... but he got to looking into it. Didn't discourage his boys from "Play Meetings,; but got to telling them, "This that we've got is real!"

# # #

TRUST THE LORD WITH ALL THINE HEART.....

When the Lord made man out of the dust of the ground, he made it up of many components, like heart, kidneys, gall bladder, lungs, each function it's own order. When he gave me and you the Holy Ghost, He put us into His body, the church. Like the natural body, the spiritual body has many different parts making the whole. We could name over many, but for now we want to mention healing. God put healing of our natural bodies in his church. First of all it's a sign that we are a believer. Other is that it very great strength to the believer when he can pray the prayer of faith and the Lord heals him or his. The promise from the Lord was; *Keep My commandments and ask what you will and it'll be done...*" If God don't heal us, lets be men and women about this, it is a fact that we are not keeping His commandments. One will say, "We got to die sometimes." Yes, and it's true, like Br. Willard Wooten said one time, "You don't have to take sick to die" And the old ones amongst used to know when they were going and we've had testimonies handed down where they told those around them not to pray for they were crossing over.

Seeing these things are true, if any among us is trying to trust God for their family healing, those who have went to others for their help, be sure we don't resist them but rather support them with your actions and prayers. When we leave out healing we are letting part of the body die and in due time the whole body will cease to exist.

Regardless of what we think or say, "Devine healing" is a part of the Way of Holiness. In the early years whenever it was preached in the power of God, great healings were done. Also in those days everyone trusted the Lord. They all believed and spoke the same thing. This first people to start going to men for their help amongst us were thought to have left the faith. Mercy was shown eventually but still they suffered for it. As a whole today the one who suffer are the ones who trust God. Bethern, it ought not to be so.

.....AND LEAN NOT TO THINE OWN UDERSTANDING...

The family has always been the cornerstone of American society.

Our families nurture, preserve and pass on to each succeeding generation the values we share and cherish, values that are the foundation for our freedoms. In the family, we learn our first lessons of God and man, love and discipline, rights and responsibilities, human dignity and human frailty.

Our families give us daily examples of these lessons being put into practice. In raising and instructing our children, in providing personal and compassionate care for the elderly, in maintaining the spiritual strength of religious commitment among our people—in these and other ways, America's families make immeasurable contributions to America's well-being.

Today more than ever, it is essential that these contributions not be taken for granted and that each of us remember that the strength of our families is vital to the strength of our nation.

*Ronald Reagan*

RONALD REAGAN  
THE WHITE HOUSE

# # #

If our greatest need had been information,  
God would have sent us an educator.

If our greatest need had been technology,  
God would have sent us a scientist.

If our greatest need had been money,  
God would have sent an economist.

If our greatest need had been pleasure,  
God would have sent an entertainer.

But our greatest need was forgiveness,  
So God sent us a Saviour.

# # #

"God's people need to come together as one and be equal and there's no telling what the Lord might do. We don't need divisions among us. When we came up with the Holy Ghost we loved everybody, and we'll have to do it now for God to work among His children.

I don't want to have respect of persons. I love God children no matter what church they go to.

I'd like to be one to come down, humble, as we have to be to all see alike for the Lord to work among us

There'll be no separate places in heaven.

Sis. Kathleen Sanderson

Past Ago Past Ago Past Ago/

Pray, where be all His miracles  
Of which our fathers told?  
Say, were they genuine articles,  
Or fiction big and bold?  
Nay, can we think our fathers lied,  
Or else were all deceived,  
While impacts still today abide  
From what they then believed?

Say, where today the praying bands  
Which former days have known,  
Upraising pleading, patient hands  
Toward the heavenly throne?  
Say, if that praying holiness  
Infused our zeal to pray,  
Would not the old-time miracles  
Break out afresh today.?

# # #

"When any people discard the New Testament as embracing all necessary laws for a Christian life, whether for the individual Christian or the whole church, that people have launched upon an limitless ocean. Any erroneous law (any law added to the bible is erroneous) will inevitably and soon demand another, and others will yet demand another, without an end. That is why Christ gave His church and to preachers no legislative powers. And again and more part-

iculary, that is why the New Testament closes with these significant words:

*For I certify unto every man that hearteth the words of this book, if any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book. And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in the book.*

And:

*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be PERFECT, THOROUGHLY FURNISHED UNTO EVERY GOOD WORK.*

If a man is thoroughly furnished unto every good work, he needs nothing else. If God wants him to teach, preach, or exhort, then it is a good work. If it is then a good work, he is furnished of the Lord. Let him use the Word of God, and nothing else. If it is something else, it is not a good work and does not come from God."

"Every time I hear that song "Have a Little Talk With Jesus," my mind rolls back to the time when I had a little talk with Jesus.

When I was in High School I started hanging around with some pretty wild kids and I knew I was headed for trouble if I didn't get away from them. So I quit school, but that didn't solve the problem because they wouldn't leave me alone. But the Lord worked it out for us to move to SKYLINE.

When we moved, I lost contact with my old "friend," and I started feeling like I didn't have a friend in the world. That's when I started to realize I was lost.

A few months after we moved, I got a motorcycle. I enjoyed riding it, but I still knew I was lost. I had always heard the children of God talk about praying for the Lord to condemn you, so I started to pray. Then I would park my motorcycle, take off my helmet, kneel down by bike and ask the Lord to condemn me. At first I prayed quietly, but after a few times, I would ride further out in the

woods and park my motorcycle and take off my helmet, kneel down by the bike and cry out "Lord, would you just please condemn me." Then I would get back on my bike and Satan would say "That sure was stupid! Here you are, out here in pants, on a motorcycle and asking God to condemn you. But I really believed in my heart that the Lord would hear me. It seemed like the more I prayed, the lonelier I felt. I finally reached the point that everytime I was



down, anywhere, I would ask the Lord to condemn me. That was the prayer I ever prayed the whole time. I don't know for sure how long I went around praying. About two months I think. Then one day, Mother had left the house and I got down on my knees in front of the window and prayed. When I started to arise I looked out the window and saw a big white cloud. I could imagine seeing the Lord standing there with outstretched arms towards me and it scared me because I wasn't ready to go.

A couple of nights before revival at WILLIAM'S COVE (a week later) started I told my cousin that I was planning on going to meeting a few nights that week because Mother wanted me to. I didn't know what the Lord had planned.

On Saturday night I decided to go. I thought It would be one of the nights I was gonna go.

.....but that was when the Lord started working

with me. On Sunday my sister was down from Indiana and none of us went to meeting that morning. Nobody was going that night until I said I wanted to go. ... we went.

I didn't know at the time but the Lord started answering that prayer I had prayed by my motorcycle so many times.

I went to meeting Monday night.

Tuesday morning I started getting ready to go to the Lord. We went to town and bought me a few skirts (most of my clothes were pants). I had the "afro" cut out of my hair because I was afraid it would keep my hair from growing.

At meeting Wednesday night, Br. Jack Denison, preached about that "Old ship of Zion." He told how it was gonna come over like a cloud and pick up the children of God- that was when I decided I didn't want to be left behind. That was when I knew the Lord had answered my prayer, I was condemned.

On Friday night, Br. David Jones talked

about a man who went overseas on a ship to work. On returning home he had to be on the ship by the time it sounded a whistle for the third time. The man missed the boat and never got to see his family again.

I felt like I was being warned that this was my third time of going to the altar and it would be my last chance.

I made up my mind that I wasn't leaving the house without the Holy Ghost. I believed the Lord would give It to me that night..... and He did. Friday, June 20 1979, God seen fit to

make me one of His children. That was seven years ago. Since then He has answered a lot of my prayers, stood by me, kept my soul, and He sent me a wonderful husband a little over a year ago.

I'm so thankful the Lord heard those prayers I prayed by my motorcycle so many times."

Sis. Donna Miller

Sis. Donna is Sis. Vera McIntosh Putnam's daughter. (WILLIAM'S COVE)

Her husband, Br. Jimmy is the son of the late Sis. Doris Miller of SCOTT BORO. He started going to church after he and Donna started dating. He rec'd the Holy Ghost and they were married about 1½ years ago.

# Meeting places

ARAB : Communion service  
3rd weekend. Mid-week

Grover Morrow  
Route #1  
Joppa, Al. 35087

ATTALLA:(GADSDEN)  
Communion: 2nd Sat. Night  
Mid-week: Thursday  
W. E. Manley  
643 Allen St.  
Attalla, Al. 35954

BIG COVE: Communion 1st  
Sun. Eve. Mid-week ser-  
vice Wed. night.  
Oakley Drake  
334 Taylor Rd.  
Brownsboro, Al. 35741

BLACK OAK: Communion ser-  
vice on 3rd. Sun. eve.  
Mid-week service Wen. Night  
Leroy Duvall  
3222 George St.  
Highland, Ind. 46322

BONDS CHAPEL: Communion  
Sat. evening before 1st  
Sun.  
Cranford Bonds  
Route #4  
Albertville, Al. 35950

BRIAR FORK: Communion  
Saturday night before  
1st. Sun. Mid-week ser-  
vice Wed. night.  
Buford Warren  
Route #1 554 Scott Road.  
Hazel Green, Al. 35750

BROOKLYN: Communion 4th  
Sat. night. Mid-week ser-  
vice Wed. night.  
Millard Guffey  
Route #3 box 434  
Altoona, Al. 3592-8912

BROWNS CHAPEL: Communion  
Sat. night before 1st.  
Sun. Mid-week service  
Wed. night.  
Lawrence E. Brown  
Route #1  
Bryant, Ala. 35958

GRIFFEN: Communion 1st Sun.  
eve. Mid-week ser. Wed. Eve.  
James A. McLain  
Rt. 1, Craig Road  
Lookout Mtn., TN 37350

BRYANT: Communion 4th Sun;  
evening. Mid-week service  
Wed. eve.  
Junior Hill  
Route #1  
Bryant, Al. 35958

CAVE SPRINGS: Communion 2nd.  
Sun. Eve. Mid-week service  
Paul Stone  
Route #1  
Owens Cross Rds., Al. 35763

CLAYSVILLE: Communion Sat.  
night before 1st. Sun. Mid-  
week service Wed. night.  
Odell Pendergrass  
Route #6  
Guntersville, Al. 35976

ELKWOOD: Communion 5th Sat  
night. Mid-week service on  
Thursday night.  
Willard Wooten  
1901 Carters Grove Road  
Hazel Green, Al. 35750

ELLERS CHAPEL: Communion 4th  
week-end. Mid-week service  
Wed. night.  
L. D. Blevins  
Route #6 Box 136  
Fort Payne, Al 35967

FORT PAYNE: Communion Sat.  
night before 1st Sunday.  
Mid-week service Thurs. eve.  
W. G. Reed, jr.  
Route #1 Box 544  
Fyffe, Al. 35971

FYFFE: Communion 4th Sat.  
night. Mid-week service  
Wed. night  
Charles Willmon  
Route #1  
Fyffe, Al. 35971

GRASSY MTN.: Communion 4th  
Sat. Night. Mid-week service  
Wed. eve.  
Eli Smith  
Route #1  
Grant, Al. 35747

GURLEY: Communion 4th Sat.  
Night. Mid-week Ser. Tues.  
night.  
Lige Holland  
Route #1  
Owens Cross Rds., Al. 35763

HIGDON: Communion 2nd Sat.  
night. Mid-week service  
Wed. night  
Paul Guffey  
Star Route  
Higdon, al. 35979

HILLS CHAPEL: Communion  
3rd Sunday evening. Mid-  
week service Wed. Night.  
Shelby Hill  
Route #1  
New Hope, Al. 35760

HUNTSVILLE: Communion  
2nd Sun. Eve. Mid-week  
service Wed. night.  
David Jones  
103 Cederama Drive  
Huntsville, Al. 35810

HYTOP: Communion 3rd. Sun.  
eve. Mid-week service  
Thursday night.  
Ed Avans  
Hyttop Star Route  
Scottsboro, Al. 35768

IDER: Communion 3rd Sat.  
evening. Mid-week service  
Tuesday night  
Alvin Bailey  
Route #11 Scenic Hwy  
Lookout Mtn., Tn. 37350

LAKEWOOD PARK: Communion  
2nd Sun. Eve. mid-week  
service Wed. eve.  
Lowell Hollaway  
Box 252 c Rt. 1  
Davenport, Fl. 33837

MARKHAM: Communion 3rd  
Sun. Eve. Mid-week ser-  
vice Thursday night.  
Harold Smith  
9449 Birch Av.  
Mokena, Ill 60448

MARTLIN: Communion 3rd.  
Sat. night. Mid-week ser.  
W. G. Reed, Jr.  
Route #1 Box 544  
Fyffe, Al. 35971

MEMPHIS: Communion 3rd  
Sat. eve. Mid-week Wed  
night.  
W. D. Worley  
Star Route Box 93  
Southaven, Miss. 38671

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Comm. 2nd  
Mid-week; Wednesday eve.  
Elton Brazier  
Rt #1 163 Sahdy Trail  
New Market, Al. 35761

NEW MARKET  
?????????  
Orville Underwood  
560 Hurricane rd  
New Market Al, 35761

NEW HOPE: Comm. 3rd Sat eve.  
Mid-week; Wed.  
John D Stapler  
1397 Paint Rock rd.  
New Hope Al,

NILA: Comm 1st Sun eve.  
Mid Week: Wed.  
Charley Brown  
Rt# 1 Fackler Al 35746

NOAH'S ARK: Comm; 3rd Sat  
Mid Week" Wednesday  
J.B. Pritchett  
3460 Noah's Ark rd.  
Jonesboro, Ga 30236

OAK GROVE (Gunters Mtn)  
Communion 3rd Sat eve.  
Mid week Wed.  
Alton Willmon  
Rt# 3  
Scottsboro, Al 35768

OLD SARDIS: Comm. 2nd Sat  
Mid-week Wed.  
McCoy Wooten  
698 Parker Av.  
Rainsville, Al 35986

PINE GROVE (Lkt. Mtn.)  
Comm: 2nd Sat  
Mid-week Friday eve.  
Martin Sharp  
Rt#8  
Fort Payne, Al 35867

PINE GROVE (Morgan Co)  
Comm 3rd Sun eve.  
Charles Atchley  
Lacey Springs, Al 35754

PLEASANT GROVE: Comm 4th Sun  
Mid-week: Thurs.  
Arthur McAllister  
Rt 2  
Woodville, Al 35776

PLEASANT OAK: COMM4th  
Mid week:Thurs  
Bobby Culver  
422 Boles Rd.  
Hazel Green, Al 35750

PLEVNA: Comm:3rd Sun  
Mid-week Wed.  
James Brazier  
Ollie Howard Rd.  
New Market, Al35761

RED BAY (MISS)  
Comm:Ist Sat.  
William Lindley  
Rt#1 Box 303  
Belmont Miss. 38827

ROCKY BRANCH: Comm: 3rd Sat  
Mid-week: Wed.  
James Bridges:  
Rt 1  
Horton Al.

SAND MTN:(Section)  
Comm: 4th Sat.  
Mid-week: Friday eve.  
Buford Trotman  
Rt 1  
Henegar Al. 35978

SCENICLAND; Comm4th Sat.  
Mid-wee;Tues.  
Jackie Stevens  
Rt2  
Rising Fawn, Ga. 30738

SCOTTSBORO: Comm 2nd Sat  
Mid-week: Tues.  
Jack Denson  
704 Perry St.  
SCOTTSBORO,Al 35768

SHELBYVILLE: Comm.2nd Sat  
John Pendergrass  
117 Jennifer Cir C 3  
Shelbyville, Tn 37160

SKYLINE: Comm 1st Sat  
Mid-wek Wed  
Vernon Stephens Jr.  
Hyttop Star Rt Box 72  
Scottsboro, Al 35768

SOUTH HAVEN: Comm. 2nd Sun  
Mid-week;Tues  
RUEBEN GAUGHT  
697 McCool Rd.  
Valparaiso, In, 46383

STATELINE: Comm: 1st Sun.  
Mid-week: Thurs.  
Duke Cowan  
383 Moring Rd.  
Brownsboro, Al 35741

STOCKBRIDGE: Comm: 4th Sat  
Ramon Hall  
Rt 3 Lot 5  
Highland Village  
Stockbridge, Ga. 30281

TIFTONIA: Comm 3rd Sat  
Mid-week; Thurs  
Billy Parker  
3319 Char Mac Lane  
Chattanooga Tn 37409

VALHERMOSA SPRINGS  
Comm: 2nd Sat.  
Melvin Brown  
Rt 3  
Somerville, Al. 35670

WEST BROW: Comm:1st Sat.  
Clyde Langley  
Rt 1 Scenic hwy.  
Lookout Mtn Tn.37350

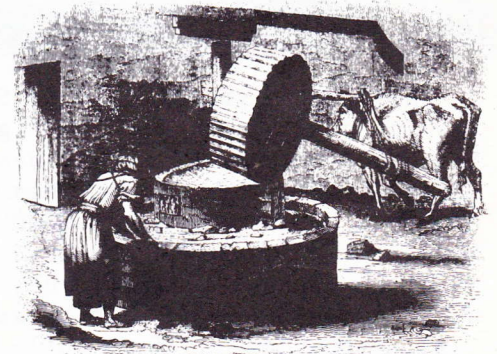
WHITE'S CHAPEL:  
Comm; 1st Sat  
Herman Isbell  
Rt 3  
Leeds Al, 35094

WILLIAM COVE:  
Comm; 3rd  
Mid-week; Wed.  
Horace Williams  
Rt 4 Box 52-A  
Scottsboro, Al 35768

WINCHESTER:  
Comm; 2nd Sat  
Mid-week; Tues eve  
Dwayne Teet  
P.O. Box 279  
Winchester, Tn, 39398

RIVERTON:  
Comm: 3rd Sat.  
Mid-week; We.  
Hoyt Dalton  
Bell Factory Rd.  
Hunstville, Al.

PULASKI PIKE  
Comm; 4th Sat  
Mid-week Tuesday  
Eddie A. Simmons  
P.O.Box 274  
Hazel Green, Al 35750



Above: an ox grinds grain. Note the two millstones, with the top rotating on the bottom. At the right: an olive tree, mentioned by Jotham in his parable.

## FOX'S HISTORY OF MARTYRS

The first persecution of the church took place in the year 67, under Nero, the sixth emperor of Rome. This monarch reigned for the space of five years, with tolerable credit to himself, but then gave way to the greatest extravagancy of temper, and to the most atrocious barbarities. Among the diabolical whims, he ordered that the city of Rome should be set on fire, which order was executed by his officers, guards, and servants. While the imperial city was in flames, he went up to the tower of Macaenas, played upon his harp, sung the song of the burning of Troy, and openly declared that he wished the ruin of all things before his death. Besides the noble pile, called the Circus, many other palaces and houses were consumed; several thousands perished in the flames, were smothered in the smoke, or buried beneath the ruins.

This dreadful conflagration continued nine days; when Nero finding his conduct was greatly blamed, and a severe odium cast upon him, determined to lay the whole blame upon the Christians, at once to excuse himself, and have an opportunity of glutting his sight with new cruelties. This was the occasion of the first persecution; and the barbarities exercised on the Christians were such as even excited the commiseration of the Romans themselves. Nero even refined upon cruelty, and contrived all manner of punishments for the Christians that the most infernal imaginations could design. In particular, he had some sewed up in the skins of wild beasts, and then worried by dogs until they expired; and others dressed in shirts made stiff with wax, fixed to axeltrees, and set on fire in his garden, in order to illuminate them. This persecution was general throughout the empire, but it rather increased than diminished the spirit of Christianity. In the course of it, Paul and Peter were martyred.

To their names may be added, Erastus, chamberlain of Corinth; Aristarchus, the Macedonian, and Trophimus, an Ephesian, converted by Paul, and fellow laborer with him, Joseph, commonly called Barsabas, and Ananias, bishop of Damascus; each of the Seventy.

# # # # #



They came from SAND MTN to Sis. Lizzie Hawkins home at Henegar one night in Octber to have Communion with this dear saint. Sis. Lizzie is 82 years old and has lived for God over 50 years. She can't walk and is totally blind but still loves the Lord. It sounds like the saints still love her too.

This picture shows Sis. Lizzie washing Sis. Bonnie Hawkins feet while other sisters help her out.

# # #

Br. Bill Simmons rec'd the Holy Ghost in his home on Lookout Mtn.

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The saints all left Kentucky last November rejoicing in the Lord. Sis. Wanda Bethune of Lookout Mtn who was crippled in that car wreck, she left using her leg more then she has.

Meetings started Saturday morning and it was good, and Saturday even the were better and Sunday morning it ended up it what we refer to as an "Old time Holiness" meeting.

They are having meeting here in Farmington Kentucky on every 5th weekend. They usually have meeting on Saturday a.m. and evening and Sunday morning. If you love peace and the leading of the Lord, come and help in Kentucky.

# # #

BR. ORAN WHITLEY: "We need to know what we are shouting about. As Br. Dewey Barrier said "If you can't help it, just go ahead and shout all you want to." But if we're doing it on our own, we ought to stop it!

There is nobody who likes to shout more then I do. If you can't help it, it's alright.

If we've been talking about our brothers and sisters and out there a shouting, we're just a hypocrite. We ought to stop that shouting and go to our brother and say, "I'm sorry for the way I've been doing!." Get on those knees to your brother. Ask him to forgive you. Then when we come out here, the power of God will fall. The sick will be healed..... and you'll edify.

If you've been talking about your brother, there is no use to come out here and shout. You are getting the cart before the horse...."

BR. BUFORD TROTMAN: "This aint made to fit you. You have to work your life around to fit it. The Word of God! Everytime we profess to be Holiness and we're not living it, we're not Holiness.

There's a lot of things in this world we need to do. There are a lot of things we need not to do. *Likewise ye wives be in subjection to your own husband, that if any obey not the Word, may be won by the conversation of the wife.*

There are a lot of sisters who husbands do not have the Holy Ghost. Now, if you're one of them hard to get along with and nagging him all the time, you're sure not going to win him. The Lord wants you to be that kind of wife that he can see God in you. He wants you to be a wife that the man will want to come home to you. So that he would rather be home than somewhere else.... She ought to be gentle and kind, and the husband the same way.

While they behold your chaste conversation. Paul talking to the older sisters to teach the younger to be, *discreet, chaste, keepers at home.* Now, right here, *chaste, beholding your chaste conversation coupled with fear. Chaste... discreet... Clean... decent... Chaste: is being not to much ornamented.* Don't like finery to much. Now this is going to get close to some people. Some people can't hardly get enough finery. You're not going to win your husband that way. Always wanting a new pair of shoes. A new dress. And maybe something a little out of his reach. He is beholding that, aint he? Now if you're meek. Got a good spirit about you. You can win that husband.

*Whose adorning;* That's putting on anything, aint it? *Let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting of the hair, and the wearing of gold, and the putting on of apparel.* God looks at the inward man. Your husband will look at that inward man. You may think "I'm gonna impress him. I'm gonna buy me some jewelry and some fine clothes. I'm gonna really impress my husband." You will too. You will make a big impression on him.. He'll say that you're just like the world is.. But if he comes in and finds his wife sometimes praying. Having a good spirit about her. You'll make an impression on him.

Why do people wear jewelry? Why do they want to fix up and look so good.? Do you know why they do it? They are wanting attention. Any time I'm wearing something on me out of the ordinary for a Holiness person it's to get attention. They say that sometime kids are so roudy, they want attention. And people sometimes adorn themselves in a way, they want attention....

We don't need that kind of attention. We need God's attention. It don't matter what it is, if it's clothing or can't get your hair

fixed just right., you are trying to make an impression on somebody.

I don't believe God wants us going around slouchy all the time. But there is a way that Holiness people ought to dress. And Jewelry, any kind, is not no good for Holiness people. I wish we could understand that.

Now listen... *But let it be the hidden man of the heart in that which is not corrupt...*

If I had a wife that everytime I came in the door she started in on me about something, I'd find me something to do outside. And if I was off somewhere, It'd take me a long time to get back home.

We don't need a wife like that. I love my home. I love to get back home. But if I had a nagging wife, I guess I'd find somewhere else to go.

Think about this. If you want to win your husband, don't be guilty of that.

And if you are wearing jewelry, ask yourself why you are doing it.

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Br. Mike Whitley of SAND MTN said that he couldn't be much help to meeting but that he had One within him that could.

# # #

Br. Melvin Fergerson was telling at Sis. Patsy Scott's home in Chattanooga about his dad-in-law, Br. Joe Summerford. Br. Joe's 3rd wife, Sis. Mattie Mae's teaching had been to doctor when you were ill and to take remedies and medicines and she had a lot of them. Once, Sis. Mattie Mae, was talking about people laying on hands and nothing being done. The Lord let Br. Joe tell her, "People who doctor can lay on hands more then anyone." That sank into Sis. Mattie Mae's heart. As she got to thinking about it, she cleaned out her medicines and started trusting God.

Later, Br. Melvin son, Randal, had something wrong with him, appendicitis they thought. He was swelled and couldn't eat. In order to move about he would hold to his ankles. Some saints came in to pray. Br. Melvin did not want to hinder in any way. He just backed up and said, "Lord, which ever you want to use." Sis. Mattie Mae laid hands on Randall and he straightened up and went to the to the table and started eating.

# # #

The Arab Holiness church: "We are having good services. The Lord really helps us. Sometimes the crowd is small but the Lord just blesses real good.

We had one rec' the Holy Ghost on August 2nd, Br. Terry Wooten, 19 year old boy. His 3rd time to the altar. His mother is Sis. Marie Wooten and his dad, Br. Freddie rec'd the Holy Ghost in July at the OLD SARDIS Revival.

Sis. Margie

Dear Dad: I am writing this to you though you have been dead 30 years. From your seat in the place beyond, I hope you can see these lines. I feel like I must say something to you, things I didn't know when I was a boy in your house, and things I was too stupid to say.

It's only now, after passing thru the long hard school of years, only now when my hair is grey, that I understand how you felt. I must have been a bitter trial to you. I was such a fool. I believed my own petty wisdom, and I now know how ridiculous it was, compared to that calm, ripe, wholesome wisdom of yours.

Most of all, I want to confess my worst fault against you. It was the feeling that you did not understand. When I look back over it now, I know that you did understand. You understood me better than I did myself. Your wisdom flowed around mine like the ocean around an island, and how patient you were with me, how full of longsuffering, and kindness, and how pathetic, it now comes home to me, where your efforts ~~to get~~ close to me, to win my confidence, to be my pal. I wouldn't let you. I couldn't see what it was and it held me aloof. It is tragic, that wall that rises between a boy and his father and there frantic efforts to see thru and climb over it. I wish you were now here across the table from me, for just an hour so I could tell you how there's no wall any more. I understand you now Dad, and how I love you, and wish I could go back and be your boy again.

I know now I could make you happy every day.....

I know a richest, most priceless thing on earth and the less understood thing is that mighty love and tenderness and craving to help which a father feels toward his son, for I have a boy of my own and it is that makes me want to go back to you, and get down on my knees to you.....

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WHO will watch the children  
Who will feed the sheep?  
Who will gather the fields so white  
If we have not the strength?  
Who will stand up for the Lord  
If we fall asleep?  
The future that we dreamed about  
Is now laid at our feet.  
The future that we dreamed about  
Now is right at hand.  
Who will have the armour on?  
Who will be able to stand?  
Who will cross the Jordan's tide?  
Who will stop and weep?  
The future that we dreamed about  
Is now laid at our feet.  
Who will pray the prayer of faith?  
Who will watch for our souls?  
Who will take the bible in hand  
And point the way to go?  
Who will teach the young to walk  
When the road is so steep?  
The future that we dreamed about  
Is now laid at our feet.

This was written by Sis. Beverly Guest  
of STOCKBRIDGE and has been put to music.

# # #

Sis. Martha Moore of PLEVNA was talking to the Lord and He told her to look out her window at her flower beds. They looked so dead now, but the Lord said, "In a few days, life will begin again and things will be different. She then thought about it spiritually how people will go thru a hard winter in their minds, but when the season is right, people will bud out and things will be different.

TIFTONIA(3rd Sunday / January): Br. Paul Warren was warning people against sueing at Law. That The Word of God was against it. One brother who had an accident and was laid up a long time asked Br. Paul's advice. He told him to just put down his expenses including his time off from work and present it to them. Be fair. Some people try to find a way to sue just to get money. Sueing is not right. Taking them to court because they have insurance. Defrauding them. Taking your brother to court. *If they ask for your coat give them your cloak also.*

Br. Jack Denson told of a time that people were trying to get him. Name in the newspaper. From the bank on down... A lawyer advised him to sue. He could have been rich. He told the lawyer that the church didn't believe in that. The lawyer said, "I'd find me another church!"

He talk about the spiritual senses that we have that God deals with if they are in operation. Don't be dull of hearing. Hear with our spiritual ear. When we can't remember what has been talked on in church we are dull of hearing...

# # #

Editor: A lot of things have crept into our meeting houses; but it grieves our spirit when so many dismiss their meetings for a play. There is no excuse for this. May God have mercy on us!

# # #

Br. Autman Tilley, and Sis. Alma Black, both of OLD SARDIS were married January 19, 1987. They were both widows and up in years.



# IN EVIL LONG I TOOK DELIGHT

In evil long I took delight,  
Unawed by shame or fear,  
Till a new object struck my sight,  
And stopp'd my wild career:  
I saw One hanging on a Tree  
In agonies and blood,  
Who fix'd His languid eyes on me.  
As near His Cross I stood.

Sure never till my latest breath,  
Can I forget that look:  
It seem'd to charge me with His death,  
Though not a word He spoke:  
My conscience felt and own'd the guilt,  
And plunged me in despair:  
I saw my sins His Blood had spilt,  
And help'd to nail Him there.

Alas! I knew not what I did!  
But now my tears are vain:  
Where shall my trembling soul be hid?  
For I the Lord have slain!  
--A second look He gave, which said,  
"I freely all forgive;  
This blood is for thy ransom paid;  
I die that thou may'st live."

Thus, while His death my sin displays  
In all its blackest hue,  
Such is the mystery of grace,  
It seals my pardon too.  
With pleasing grief, and mournful joy,  
My spirit now is fill'd,  
That I should such a life destroy,  
Yet live by Him I kill'd!

JOHN NEWTON, 1725-1807

Br. Ernest Holman told when he was in the service, you start out with just a few things in a bag. When they started over seas on the boat, the sargent told them, "Now boys, I know ya'll have picked up a few things along the way you shouldn't have. If you will empty them out now, there will be no questions. But, if I find these things in your bags later, then it will be to late to lay them down." He was comparing this to the ways of the Lord. When you start out, you should have joy, peace, meekness, kindness only in your bag. All this other stuff is not of God. We need to turn it out of our bag now.

In the eighteenth century, a godly mother knew that her years of life were coming to an end. She taught her young son all that she knew about God and the Christian life.

When her son was seven, she died. That son soon rejected his mother's teaching. He went off to sea and eventually became the captain of a slave trading ship.

His crew became so disgusted with the depravity of his actions that one day when he fell overboard while in a drunken stupor, they rescued him by throwing a harpoon into him and pulling him back into the ship. Thereafter John Newton walked with a limp. Later he became a Christian, and every limp was a reminder of God's matchless grace to a wretched sinner. He is the composer of "Amazing Grace," as well as hundreds of other hymns.



# # #

The Spirit of the blessed Lord is alive and well at LAKEWOOD PARK in Florida. The Lord has been blessing them. Saints have been going there to help, and they have, and they also rec'd help. Br. Jack Denson, and Br. Eddie Arthur Simmons were there lately. Br. David Gillian and his wife Sis. Iris were there as have a number of other good saints. The Lord has been giveing the gift of the Holy Ghost to a number of people here. Br. Lowell Holaway leads the service and the Lord helps him. Br. Dothard Steven is working toward and in the ministry. The saints are trying to get closer togther all along. In other words, we have got glad tidings from Florida.

# # #

*Lord, thou has heard the desire of the humble.*

We dearly miss Br. Dewey but we will never forget his teaching and the great love he showed us.

He was always there when we needed him. Old SARDIS has suffered a great loss but the Lord still loves us and He truly blesses our services

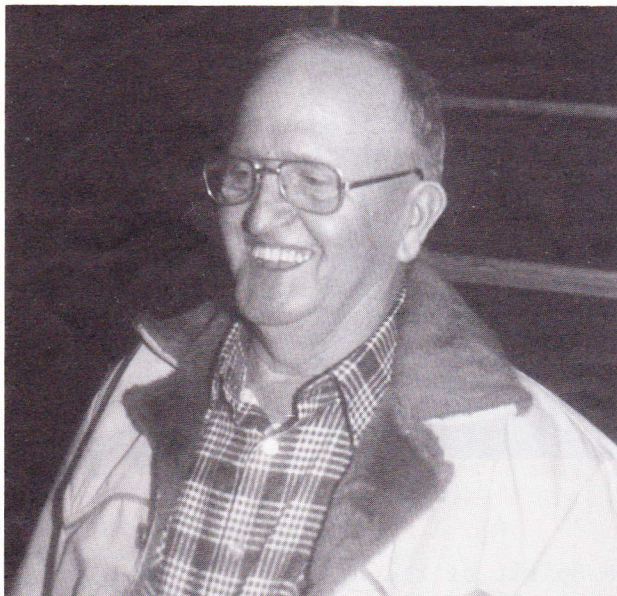
.....come and visit us.

Sis. Betty Hamilton

# # #

Go give the needy sweet charity's bread,  
"For giving is living" the angel said.  
"And must I keep giving again & again?"  
My peevish, petulant answer rang.  
"Oh, no" said the angel, piercing me thru,  
"Just give 'til the Master stops  
giving to you!"

# # #



Br. Lee Turner was waken one night by the Lord who told him something. He said, "I'll go see about it Lord."

He had a mule that was bad at getting out of the fence. And his neighbor who was his brother-in-law had a nice stand of corn. Br. Lee checked and of course the mule was out and he put him back up. The Lord saved trouble with the neighbors.

# # #

I still remember the time the Lord gave me the Holy Ghost. It never seems to grow dim. It brings joy to me to think of what the Lord brought me out of and that He loved me enough to give me a chance to love others and to miss torment.

I really love God but there is always a chance of me loving Him more.

With Love

Sis. Arlene Walker

Sis. Ruby Patterson of OLD SARDIS married Br. Johnny Whitley of FORT PAYNE in September.

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Br. Daniel Smothers son, Br. Phillip rec'd the Holy Ghost in September at MARTLIN. His wife left him because of this but the Lord is helping him.

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Br. Chuck Burgess's son, Br. Lonnie rec'd the Holy Ghost at MARTLIN also in September.

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Br. Todd McLain of GRIFFEN, married Sis Lori Brewer of TIFTONIA, in September.

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L O V E

BR. REUBEN GAUGHT: "...and he came up to me and asked me a question. He wasn't being smart. He asked it for my benefit. He visited with me on my job for two or three years. We would always talk about the Word of God. I always enjoyed it. He said, Br. Reuben, I want to ask you a question. I don't want you to answer it real fast, I want you to think about it." He put my mind to thinking, because I didn't know what was coming out. "How do you measure love?" And I was glad he told me not to answer him in a hurry. He said, "Now there is only one true way. How do you do it?" He was a good one. He seen I couldn't answer that. Then he said "I'm gonna tell you, ... that's by sacrifice!" He said, "God loved us so much that He gave His only begotten son. ...."

You know children of God, I can measure your love by your sacrifice...

Sacrifice: A giving up of something at less than it's supposed value.; a loss incurred; a destroying or injury to something of some valued thing.

L O V E

BR. SHELBY HILL: "They'll tell you what is right... and not stop to think what The Word of God says about it. If I give you an answer according to the Word of God, it'll be right every time. I'd like to do that. Just leave my ideas out of it. Say, "The Word of God says..."

Some of the sisters say, "Do I have to obey (husband) in everything?" That's what the bible says. That's the I can answer you. It says Obey your husbands in everything.. Now if I say "You've got a right to what you want" It aint none of his business." I would be telling you wrong. It wouldn't be according to The Word of God.

Some people you can't even talk to. You try to talk to them and they fly all to pieces. It says, *easy to be entreated.*"

Br. Buddy Michaels of IDER as moved to Tullahoma Tenn. on account of his work. He is seen a lot around Winchester. He and Br. De-wayne Teet are planning on going about once a week to help the few saints at SHELBYVILLE. There are just a few here at SHELBYVILLE, but the Lord comes by and helps them all along.

They had a good service the 2nd Sunday in December.

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When our mind is kept centered on the Lord He gives us our hearts desire. I remember one when I was poor and hungry. I was starveing, I just didn't take time to eat a breakfast and couldn't afford a dinner. It was about 3: o'clock in the afternoon. I was driving a delivery truck and was backing into a dock. When I spoke out loud as I opened the door, "Lord, I sure would like an apple." By the time the door was opened and my foot barley touched the ground, a man was walking down the dock with an apple held up in his hand asking :Smiley, how would you like an apple?"

I don't even remember eating the apple. All I remember is "I'd better get out of here cause I feel a glory comeing on." It started in my shoes and went up. Later I realized, you have bought me a bushel of apples, it wouldn't have meant as much to me as that one apple. God was listening when I didn't really think he was

Bryant Finlayson

# # #

Br. Julius Smith was sick. High blood pressure. They thought they had heard that if you ate garlic it would help regulate your blood pressure.

His wife made him some soup and Br."Jude" tasted gralic in it. He told her, real kind, "If you put more garlic in it, I aint planning on eating it." He stated, "If I got better I didn't want to say, "Glory to garlic!,, but.. rather, "Glory to God!"

(Editor: Amen! It sounds just like Br. Jude.)

# # #

*Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wonderous things out of Thy law.*

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"I rec'd the Holy Ghost Sept. 26, 1985 at SMYRNA Tenn. I never knew Holiness before, but the Lord showed me the Way. My husband rec'd the Holy Ghost June 23, 1986 "Glory to God" in SMYRNA also.

Our lives have changed so much. We are really very happy. We live here in Washington (state) where there is no holiness churches. We pray some day that the Lord

will provide us a church here.

There are five of us here that live close which makes it a lot easier for us all. But it would be a blessing if we could have a church here. I believe if we keep praying our prayers will be answered.

Pray for us here in Washington State.

God bless you all  
Sis. Linda Dawson

SIS. MINNIE MCLAIN: "Henry always called me his helper.... I stayed out of church about a year cause he wasn't able to go. When I went back things had changed so much...

Every day I'd think, "I can't go back. I can't." One day the Lord spoke to me, said, "You'll have to go back. Them are the people you've always been with. You'll have to go back"

They'd changed the way of worship so much. I'm still not well used to it, but I'm doing fine.

...(They) taught to let the preachers preach first. I used to never be used to that. If I felt the Lord, I got up (That's the way it should be) but after I got stared down a time or two I learned to keep my seat. I don't feel led by the Holy Ghost as much now as I did.... They have cut out the leading of the Holy Ghost...."

EDITOR: Sis. Minnie of course is right. The Way of Holiness is still a spiritual way and it still reads *Those that are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.* We all need the leading of the Lord. The preacher is no different.

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It's a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody;

There was an important job to be done and Everybody thought and was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that. Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done....

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The saints at SCENICLAND are becoming praying people. When they start service and have prayer, the believe in praying.



This shows Br. Arlice McLain at his baptising. His grandson, Br. Scott Howell is between Br. Arlice and Br. Jr. Stephens who baptised him and also Sis. Steel shown wrapped in a blanket and being steadied by Sis. Lois Evans.

Arlice McLain was born to Br. Obie and Sis. Lela McLain over 58 years ago. At a certain time he started making his way to the Lord. But somewhere he got sidetracked, and though he still went to pray in the altar all along, he was not bringing forth fruit unto repentance in which the Lord knew as also did some people who had dealing with him.

He lost his wife, Sis. Effie Mae a few years ago. His health was failing him. His children were coming to the Lord. Then his grandchildren. But Arlice McLain was getting older and still lost. The family was praying for him. Such was the case with his grandson Br. Scott (Sis. Annell's son) so much so that one day, October 29th, 1986, he took his granddad to the WINCHESTER revival for him, "To rec' the Holy Ghost." This proved not to be idle chatter. To almost everyone's surprise, and joy, Br. Arlice McLain came up with Holy Ghost of God.

Thirty days later he was laid out in a casket. He had slipped out of this mortal tabernacle and put on immortality and went up higher.

He was a sick man but he had the countenance of a child of the King. The Lord had blessed him at church. They had good prayers for him a few times at his home. The last time was about 10 o'clock on November 29th Br. Lowell Guffey then started a the song, Oh What a Savior and the Spirit of the Lord moved. Br. Arlice said, "I can just see Jesus, hanging on the tree, and that blood and water coming out.... just for me." The power of God was on him.

The saints went home. In about an hour word started getting around, "Br. Arlice McLain died awhile ago." But we know he just went up higher, and that, at the eleveneth hour! Amen!

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